

MS. CHERI O'NIONES

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Cheri O'Niones.

4 MS. O'NIONES: Good afternoon. My name is Cheri
5 O'Niones. I'm an employee of Majestic Star casino in Gary. I
6 work in the food and beverage department and I'm a member of HERE
7 and proud of both accomplishments. I worked construction for
8 over ten years and probably collected unemployment for at least
9 two years. I had to travel far from my son and my home to work.
10 When work was good, it was great. When there wasn't work, it was
11 a struggle.

12 I have been working at the Majestic Star since day
13 one. I have excellent insurance for my son and I and I know
14 exactly what my schedule will be. Working conditions are
15 favorable to everybody in my department and we make a competitive
16 wage. We have to thank our union for all our bonuses.

17 I've seen a great improvement in the city in which I
18 live and work, Gary, Indiana. We have seen major clean ups in
19 all aspects of living there. We have more law enforcement and
20 code enforcers now than we have ever had in the past. The
21 casinos have created more jobs for residents of all ages and
22 races than I've ever seen before. The casinos have created a
23 chance for a better life and future for thousands of people. It
24 has been an economic boost for everybody. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

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